

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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2 An embossed pottery bowl, and an apparatus and method for
3 embossing a design on a pottery bowl. A press block and die
4 block are each secured to output ends of a pair of actuator arms
5 and positioned on opposite sides of a sidewall of the pottery
6 bowl with a recessed die cavity of the die block facing in the
7 direction of the press block. The press and die blocks are urged
8 toward each other, preferably by a pneumatically controlled arm,
9 so as to plastically displace a portion of the sidewall into the
10 recessed die cavity. The plastic displacement producing an
11 embossed portion of the sidewall having a recessed surface and an
12 opposite bas-relieved surface, with at least one the recessed and
13 bas-relieved surface molded into the shape of the design.